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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Yanagi et al.
Appl. No.	:	09/662,454
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For	:	CLONED GENOMES OF INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS C VIRUSES AND USES THEREOF
Examiner	:	Leffers Jr, Gerald G
Group Art Unit	:	1636

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2002, and subsequent to Notice of Appeal filed April 21, 2003, Applicant responds as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.